

# **Quality Rating System Principles Identified**

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- ❖ All children deserve access to high quality early care and education.
- ❖ The Quality Rating System shall be inclusive of all regulated child care programs.
- ❖ Observation of individual programs shall occur. Documentation of observed quality shall be verified and recorded.
- ❖ Public investment is necessary to support a Quality Rating System.
- ❖ Public awareness campaigns and other efforts to support parent involvement are necessary for the success of the Quality Rating System to improve child care quality across Wisconsin.
- ❖ The Quality Rating System shall be culturally relevant and reflective of diverse child care programs.
- ❖ The Quality Rating System shall be designed to support child care providers' efforts to improve program quality.
- ❖ Within a tiered reimbursement system there will be a large enough incentive to encourage programs to strive for higher quality.
- ❖ Implementation of the Quality Rating System shall be statewide.
- ❖ The established Quality Rating criteria shall be simple, valid, realistic and efficient.
- ❖ The Quality Rating System will be built upon the existing early care and education infrastructure to the fullest extent possible.